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Saturday morning, September 29, many cars and taxicabs stopped at the Nurses' Residence, their occupants surprised by being helped by the neighborhood ten year-olders who acted as doormen and red caps. People stepped out, started in, stopped, looked up at the sixteen floors of the residence, at the twenty-three of the hospital, down at the entrance, then continued in. New students, complete with parents and luggage, tennis racquets and radios. The Freshmen had arrived! Fifty-three of them, all cadets except eight.

Registration on the second floor from nine to twelve included trips to the college book store for books, to the photographer for photographs, to the conference room for scissors, instruments, lab coats and measurements, and very few wandered further just to look around the classrooms—there wasn't time. Big sisters were very busy directing and accompanying their newly arrived little sisters, whom they met in the lobby and showed them to their rooms. The supply laden student in the photograph is being guided by her "Big Sister" who is really her sister, and already some of her bewilderment has passed.

From three to five Saturday afternoon, the Faculty entertained the Freshmen and their parents at tea in the lounges. Sunday lunch services were planned. Classes started early Monday morning, beginning the busy and exciting Freshman Week that has been planned for them. Between play and work they will have few idle moments.

Thus the Class of 1948, September Division, begins its training. Already it has a distinction, for these cadets are the last to enter the corps.

● Good luck, and Welcome!



“BIG SISTER”

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WELCOME HOME!

There have been returning for some months past a small number of the large group of the New York Hospital family who have been contributing in large measure to the winning of World War II on all fronts. We all have been very happy once again to see those of you who have returned to our midst among familiar surroundings.

To you members of the family who have yet to return, and who are in the great majority, we would like to say that you will be equally as welcome and we will be as happy to see you all as we have been to see the early birds who have had the good fortune to secure an early release from duty. You will find some changes, both structural and personal, but, for the most part, the same familiar sights will greet you. We are all anxious to be of any assistance we may on your return and to help you become oriented and accustomed once more to the old environs and scenes of former years.

IN GRATEFUL TRIBUTE

The New York State Nursing Council
for War Service has sent out the
following memorandum:

"This would seem a good time to express our appreciation of the splendid accomplishment of the nurses of the nation—those who have stayed as well as those who have gone. Through machinery set up within their own profession they have been assigned and have accepted responsibilities far beyond those asked of any other group of women. They have done gruelling work without expectation of fat wartime pay envelopes—so often without praise or glory. They have done what was needed to be done because they knew they were the ones who could do it.

Not the least of these are the older nurses who had retired, perhaps years earlier, but who put on white uniforms again and filled the ranks as younger nurses went off to war. Many had to solve complicated domestic situations to arrange for their hours of service. Others have had to travel long distances. Some have actually paid out in expenses more than they received in salary.

There has been no war-time glamour, no excitement of new faces and strange places for them. They have known fatigue that would discourage most of us. They have trotted to answer a patient's light—and another—and another—and another—on feet that ached painfully from unaccustomed standing. They have reported for duty with telegrams in their pockets informing them that a son or husband was wounded, missing, or killed in action.

Next time you see a nurse, remember to pay her silent homage. She is one of the unsung heroines of this war! Our thanks to her!"

We most enthusiastically endorse the Council's expression of appreciation to the nurses of the nation and now that Peace has come, we wish to particularly thank those women who have so gallantly carried out the highest traditions of The New York Hospital, both at home and abroad. Total war demanded sacrifice which they have given unstintingly and without complaint. That the Hospital was able to maintain its enviably high standard of nursing care during the past four years is a tribute to the loyalty and effort of the entire nursing staff. Though sorely depleted in number, their outstanding record of service, both in the care of patients and in teaching, is one of which the Hospital is justly proud.

A participant in every War of our nation's history, the Hospital for the seventh time in its 174 years of existence again faces the problems of peace. As we do so, we wish to pay our tribute to each and every New York Hospital nurse for her contribution to the splendid record of achievement in the many and varied fields of service, and for her part in substantiating what was said by one of the leading New York newspapers: "Three institutions have served with distinction in all our major wars—the Army, the Navy and The New York Hospital."

BUILDING PROGRAM

Mindful of its responsibilities to treat increasing numbers of patients, and in preparation for the added responsibilities of this postwar era, the Hospital is now engaged in a program which will add 161 beds to the present number—1,448—now in operation.

This program involves the following changes and reconstruction: On the 10th floor, a new operating room has been created mostly for brain surgery, as well as a central surgical pathology unit; the latter consolidates what was before two separate units on different floors.

On the 8th floor, the H Pavilion has been altered in anticipation of opening it for ear, nose and throat patients, leaving G 8 free for eye patients where up to now the two services have been combined. On this floor, also the offices and examining rooms of the Ophthalmology Department have been altered and enlarged. Space is also provided for the office of Otolaryngology. The portion of the Physio-therapy Department, formerly located on the 7th floor, has been moved to the 8th floor, thus placing all of physio-therapy on the same floor.

A new women's surgical pavilion has been created on F 7 east, while on N 7 a new pavilion for children's surgery has been provided. The new offices of the Department of Surgery are also located on this floor, and the X-ray Department will occupy all of L 7 in addition to L 5 and L 6.

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An additional surgical pavilion for women has been opened on F 6 east, while on the F corridor of this floor have been created the new offices for the surgical resident staff and the follow-up clinic. G 6 has been reconstructed to house the neurologic pavilion, formerly on G 2.

On the 5th floor also, numerous changes have been made: The two medical pavilions, formerly on the 3rd floor have been moved up to the 5th, while H 5 will house the Basal

Metabolism Department previously situated on the 2nd floor. F 5 east has been made over into offices for the Department of Surgery, while F center south now houses a new lecture room for the Department of Medicine and new quarters for the Blood Bank. The laboratory for clinical chemistry and bacteriology in F west has been expanded into the space formerly occupied by the Photography Department.

F 4 center has been reconstructed to house the offices of the Department of Medicine, while on F east, alterations have been made for a laboratory for infectious diseases and chemo-therapy.

The Dental Department is now located on L 2, while on 2 west the laboratory facilities of the Endocrine Clinic have been greatly enlarged.

Most of the regular pavilions in G and H buildings have been reconstructed to allow the addition of 8 beds in each.

For guidance, the section of F corridor from Pediatrics to H will be known as F East, from H to G, F center, and from G toward the College F West.

These changes, which will be completed in the near future will leave the major portion of the 2nd and 3rd floors available for further expansion. The utilization of this available space is being temporarily postponed until the Committee on Future Plans has had the opportunity of making recommendations regarding the problems of medical care and education.

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CHANGE IN FOOD SERVICE

As many people in these times have a desire to avail themselves of a wide choice of diet, on October First, in the East Dining Room, located in the Sub-Basement of N Building, there was introduced for luncheon the same wide choice of menu as is available in the Garden and College Dining Rooms.

Along with this large list of choices, there is being served daily,

a suggested one price luncheon which sells for \$.35 and which is worth considerably more than that price.

Judging from the numbers of people now flocking to this cheerful and airy dining spot at the noon hour, the menu change is very well received.

There are rumors of other features which are being planned for the East Dining Room and whose advent will be awaited with considerable interest and curiosity by those interested in the culinary arts, and who isn't?

Inasmuch as there are certain groups whose lunch time is very limited, it is suggested that those who have a long lunch hour try to use the facilities of the East Dining Room whenever possible and thereby lessen the pressure of over crowding and long lines in the Garden Dining Room.

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HOSPITAL PRACTICE APPROVED

TO THE EDITOR OF THE NEW YORK TIMES:

I've just had a brand-new and most gratifying experience. In the course of a long life I've had to call up various hospitals to inquire about relatives and friends who were ill. The usual reply has been that they were doing as well as could be expected. In two cases the patients were dead at the time. However, I suppose under the circumstances that was as well as could have been expected.

But I called the New York Hospital this afternoon. I did not give my name, but the nurse in charge of the floor gave me full details, even that the patient had had a transfusion and some intravenous nourishment and was then sleeping. That nurse even transmitted a message to my friend's wife and she called me later and confirmed the encouraging report.

I commend this practice to all other hospitals. Quite frequently it is imperative for relatives and friends to have reliable information regarding patients. *Edward Atwater.*

New York, Sept. 6, 1945.

Hospi-tales

THRU the PEEP HOLE



Much water has spilled over the dam since the last issue of the Pulse was released. War guns have ceased firing. "The world has come to the end of a dead end street. When it turns around, there will be a highway facing it".

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Familiar faces have been seen in increasing numbers. Lt. Col. Conway has been in, also Col. Frank McGowan. We saw Dr. William Cooper and Dr. McFarland. Dr. Shepard Aronson recently visited the hospital.

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Spotted Bill Laber operating an elevator while on his furlough, swell spirit we think. He will be with us again after his discharge. Charley Doheny called on his old boss Jimmy Kelly. Eddie Ciffone also an elevator operator before the war dropped in to see the boys.

We have received many complimentary remarks on the editorial that appeared in the July Pulse. The author, Lt. Col. Philip B. Connolly is professor of Military Medicine at Cornell Medical College. We learned that Col. Connolly specialized in obstetrics before entering the Army. He has actually practiced his specialty in the Army. His son, Dr. Robert Connolly, is now a resident in obstetrics at St. Vincent's Hospital. And, believe it or not, Dr. Robert was ushered into the world by his Father!

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Pat McSherry of the Gift Shop quietly slipped out of town in order to have a wedding band placed on her finger. Pat is now Mrs. Frederick John Holt. Lots o' luck, Pat.

We wish to voice our admiration for the special duty nurses on the private floors who have so unselfishly given their valuable time in order to assist the staff nurses in maintaining the fine service on the many floors.

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Mr. Giles Ver Stratten, patient on H6 culminated his romance in the therapeutic pool by marrying Miss Delice Ball, formerly of the physical therapy department. No one suspected at any time that Giles was engaged in watery wooing. Miss Jacqueline Tamayo is the new secretary to physical therapy.

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While standing in the front of a crowded bus, a distinguished x-ray authority received the following warning from the driver. "Hey Pop, why dontcha move over, wadaya think ya are, made of glass sos I kin look troo ya?".

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"Some of us complain about the pace of modern life. But who makes the pace? Who whips life up, and froths it, except ourselves? And how many of us, like fish, are being asphyxiated in our own froth?"—— Herder.

S/Sgt. John Moore wrote from Panama early in September that we would be seeing him soon. He left New Caledonia in August.

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Lt. George McBride returned to work in the Accounting Department on October 8, 1945.

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Mrs. Paul G. Courtney has succeeded Mrs. Reginald Rowland as Supervisor of Volunteers in Mrs. Schall's department. Her office for the present will remain in L-312.

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Lost—Platinum Bracelet with one diamond, two square sappires-fine flagree bracelet lost July 13. Reward will be given.

Miss Caroline Kugel
X-Ray 7224 or
7052

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First Lt. Charlotte Florence Smith A.N.C. was married to Capt. John Markell Stacey, Med. Adm. Corps, June 26, in the Chapel of the 9th General Hospital at Biak N.E.I. Lt. Col. John S. Schmidt gave the bride in marriage.



WE ONLY HAVE A SKELETON STAFF AT NIGHT

Letters

from FRIENDS in SERVICE

Capt. Muriel R. Carbery (NYH 37)
ANC N-743992

9th General Hospital,

APO 920, c/o P.M. San Francisco, Cal.

"... Regarding our welcome to this island, we were scarcely in quarters before we had visitors, and a dance proposed and held that first evening. We caught up with a lot of old friends and were fast making new ones... For weeks on end we worked long hours daily, and it surprised me no end how well most everyone kept going in this climate. ... We have had a really interesting time, caring for an amazing variety of patients. Battle casualties finally mean something..."

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Lt. Elizabeth M. Ogden (NYH 44)
PHS 4633

UNRRA Italian Mission

APO 394, c/o P.M. New York, N. Y.
(from Sardinia)

"... A couple of weeks ago our new staff nurse and I went up to Sassari Province for 8 days to survey their needs for medical supplies, and help them get their requests completed... I met the doctor in charge of the big trachoma clinic at the University of Sassari, and at last have had my lesson on trachoma. He showed us about 100 cases, everything from beginning inflammations through fulminating cases... There is a doctor (UNRRA Public Health Service) staying at the villa this month who just left the Dept. of Pediatrics at N.Y.H., Dr. Luzzatti. It is wonderful to talk to someone who knows what I am talking about when I say New York Hospital, instead of saying "which one?"

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Lt. Dorothy Tapke (NYH dietitian)
R-700

9th General Hospital,

APO 920, c/o P.M. San Francisco, Cal.

"... Things go on much in the same routine... One minute we hear that we are closing down, and our patients go down, and the next minute we receive a whole boat load

from the Philippines. Our patient census stays well over a thousand... They have warned us about the food shortage, and we are checking very carefully on amounts served and garbage. It is very hard to get people to eat dehydrated foods, so many have built up a prejudice against them... Last night four of us, including Bea Josey and Margaret Bissell, played bridge. Just to be silly we dressed up in white silk play suits and wore pearl earrings and clips. Margaret Bissell said she had never seen me look so well on Good-enough Island, Camp Devens, or even New York Hospital!"

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Lt. Miriam Linberg (NYH 44)
ANC N758910

308th General Hospital,

APO 247, c/o P.M. San Francisco, Cal.

"... Somewhere at sea! As you can see by the APO number, we finally made it. Willie (Marie Willett—NYH 44 N-758928) and I are still together... The trip so far has been wonderful. We have marvelous meals, with menus and all, and are *not* going to be sylph-like when we reach our destination. We can sunbathe for awhile each day, and the multicolored bathing suits you see would make you think this is a pleasure cruise, until you see the O.D. slacks and shirts next to them."

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Lt. Margaret A. Ewen (NYH 44)
ANC N-793276

317th General Hospital,

APO 957, c/o P.M. San Francisco, Cal.

"... I was thrilled no end to receive The Pulse today. The news in it was wonderful. I was amazed to find out that Dr. Schmidlapp is with the 318th General Hospital. They are located about a half mile from here, so I will see if I can get to see him... Everything is just fine here. We've been working hard, but things seem to be letting up a bit now. I have been on a straight surgical floor for the past few weeks... This place is truly beautiful (Hawaii). Flowers everywhere. As a matter of fact, we have a gardenia bush right in front of our quarters."

Lt. Shirley Kinstler (NYH 44) ANC
U.S.A. Hospital Ship Aleda Lutz,
c/o P.M. New York, N. Y.

"... Our ship was recently converted from a troop ship. Originally she was a French luxury liner. Our personnel includes 41 nurses, 1 dietitian, 2 Red Cross workers, 20 male officers (doctors and administrators) about 150 enlisted men, and a crew of Merchant Marine. We can carry 800 patients... Nursing on board ship is quite a change from that in civilian land hospitals. The patients are all in double decker bunks. Naturally it creates quite a problem in caring for them, even to such essentials as washing and changing linen. We use ladders to reach the boys on the top. Most of us wear our seer-sucker slacks and shirts on duty, since they are more practical than dresses... How the boys love to give you the old line. They really are a wonderful bunch to care for—never a dull moment. I couldn't help but have a lump in my throat, saying goodbye to them when we got into port, knowing that at long last they were home."



"If you've seen a newsreel of nurses getting the bronze star, that is our outfit." Lt. General Styer awards Bronze Star Medal to 49th Nurses for Bravery. Among those receiving the Bronze Star Medal are Lt. Polly Wilber.
(Above)

LETTERS—(Continued)

Lt. Pauline E. Lewis R-1044

298th General Hospital,
APO 228, c/o P.M. New York, N. Y.

At last we are enjoying some nice weather. Yesterday and today are the nicest days that we have had in months. It never gets real hot here though except in these tents. I guess that's why they can't grow nice vegetables like us. The Quartermaster gets some fresh veg. from them and then reissue it to us—but honestly, Ruth, they are the kind that we would throw away at home. Now we are getting fresh peas—and they are small but sprouting and many look good from the outside but are wormy inside. The other evening Harry and I bought some fresh tomatoes, and they cost 10c each and so small.

We are now using German PWs entirely throughout the post—have 350. We were using some Belgian civilians but they kept striking on us (and after all the Belgian Gov't. set the wage scale) and they carried more food away than what we could bring in. Don't anyone ever mention to me how appreciative these people over here are of what the Americans have done for them.

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Capt. J. H. Dale, Jr. 0552888

86th Evac. Hosp. (SM)
APO 98 c/o Postmaster
San Francisco, Calif.

"My promotion to Captain came thru on 9 August . . . The Colonel . . . is David Littauer and was connected with Post-Graduate. He was on the staff in the Peri-Vascular Clinic and knows Dr. Landau of N. Y. H. Incidentally, our X-ray man is class 1932 by the name of Herman Wirth. That makes three Cornell men (Marshall) in our hospital plus a New Yorker to lead us . . . Albert Weisz from Brooklyn is also with us."

August 1, 1945

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Lt. Rosemary Harris

England General Hospital, Atlantic City

I am in charge of the Officer's

Ward, which compares in a very slight way to Private Patients.

We have all kinds of diets, Medically, Surgically and according to rank. Besides doing this I have relieved in the Diet Kitchen and on different floors. I also am in charge of the Maternity Ward and make Baby Formulas every day.

I had a letter from Gladys Hagan yesterday. She said that she is stationed in a Station Hospital in the Pacific.

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Cpl. Howard F. Maske ASN 32236613
Service 3½ years - 25 months overseas.

I landed at Oran, N. Africa on April 13th, 1943. Participated in invasion of Italy on Sept. 9th, 1943 at Salerno. Captured by the enemy on Sept. 13th, 1943. Was confined for 19 months at Stalags 7-A- Moosburg 2-B- Hammerstein and 3-B Furstenburg on the Oder, Germany. Due to Russian activity, on Jan. 31st, 1945 began road march which ended in successful escape to the American Lines in the West banks of the Elber River, on April 28, 1945. Returned to the U.S.A. May 18th, 1945. Married fiancée on July 8th, 1945. Expect to receive discharge in October.

Quote: There's no place like home!
Unquote.



Howard is the Chap on the right
—during period of internment.

Public Relations Office

Mason General Hospital, Brentwood, N. Y.

The promotion to Staff Sergeant of James S. Guthrie of 41 Fordham St., Williston Park, New York, was recently announced at Mason General Hospital, Brentwood, New York.

Sgt. Guthrie has been assigned to Mason since August, 1943 and is the non-commissioned officer in charge of the laboratory.

Sgt. Guthrie's aunt, Mrs. Helen Johnson, and his daughter live in Williston Park.

Sgt. Guthrie has three brothers in the service. Walter J. is in an M.P. School in Georgia; John H. is Flight Sergeant with the Royal Canadian Air Force in Canada and Arthur F. is in the Maritime Service.

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A Father to his Freshman Son

Your mind, like your body, is a thing whereof the powers are developed by effort. That is a principal use, as I see it, of hard work in studies. Unless you train your body you can't be an athlete, and unless you train your mind you can't be much of a scholar. The four miles an oarsman covers at top speed is in itself nothing to the good, but the physical capacity to hold out over the course is thought to be of some worth. So a good part of what you learn by hard study may not be permanently retained, and may not seem to be of much final value, but your mind is a better and more powerful instrument because you have learned it. "Knowledge is power" but still more the faculty of acquiring and using knowledge is power. If you have a trained and powerful mind you are bound to have stored it with something, but its value is more in what it can do, what it can grasp and use, than in what it contains; and if it were possible, as it is not, to come out of college with a trained and disciplined mind and nothing useful in it, you would still be ahead, and still, in a manner, educated.

Edward Sanford Martin

HENRY CITRO

"Master of all trades and jack of none" comes close to describing Henry Citro, Jr., the houseman at the Nurses Residence. Certainly Henry is complete master of all the trades that are indispensable in his job. How did he acquire such varied skills? Well, the story takes about a couple of hours if you get it first hand from Henry. Briefly, the story goes like this: (And, incidentally, Henry can produce pictures of himself in full uniform for practically every job he has had.) "I came to this country from Italy when I was a year old. Of course, I don't remember much."



He was educated in the public schools of New York, married and has one son. A widower now, he spends all his time off being father and mother to his son who is a student at Public School No. 47. The school specializes in training the deaf. It is one of the most outstanding public schools of this type in the United States. Students are not only taught an adequate means of communication but are also trained for a vocation. Henry takes a great interest in the affairs and activities of the school. One interesting feature of which is the course given to the parents of children with this type of handicap in order to help them to understand the child and his needs in adjusting to the home and community. Henry and his son go sightseeing and take short excursions in and about New York. This, of course, is a valuable part of the education of his son.

Henry has had practically every kind of job from being a gas man to caretaker for eight years at Yankee Stadium. He has a classic picture of himself in his gas man's uniform. It looks like a fireman's uniform, complete with brass buttons, special cap and insignia. He is the prized possessor of a baseball bat

used by the late Lou Gehrig of the New York Yankees. Most of his work at the Stadium had to do with keeping the playing area neat and trim and caring for the grounds and shrubbery in general. The result of this interest and skill is evident in the garden of the Nurses Residence which receives his expert care and attention. He gives this small space the care that only a true gardener could give.

Everyone at the Nurses Residence knows Henry and they are all impressed by his constant effervescent cheerfulness. You see, there are some five hundred people living at the Residence and they all pass through the lobby at least once a day. So, during the course of his duties in and around the lobby he says good morning, good afternoon and good night enough per day to wear out an average individual. But not Henry. He puts himself into each greeting as if it were his first.

Henry loves to chew gum and so shares his habit by presenting the Residence staff with a stick of gum with his good morning. When sweets were rationed this added much to the salutation.

If you ask Henry why he likes his job he gives you two reasons: one

because it is convenient to his home since he lives only three blocks away, and second because it is always different, "something new being added".

Henry is the main support of all the first floor social and business meetings. He moves furniture, cleans, keeps the lounge and auditorium in good condition, keeps a property room in apple-pie order and can fix everything from a fractured curtain rod to an ailing electrical socket.

He is only about 5 ft. 4 in. tall, but is a bundle of lightning when it comes to getting a job done efficiently and promptly. He plans his work with skill and keeps a file of every plan made in setting up the numerous activities. Far from being dismayed by the variety of requirements of his job, Henry responds to them with enthusiasm whether he is preparing for a big dance, a lecture, a carnival or bridge, operating the coat room, pinch hitting in the Residence kitchen or arranging for one of the numerous teas.

When passing out bouquets, we should give a big one to Henry who is the heart and soul of graciousness and cheerfulness, and is the main spring behind the smooth functioning and attractive appearance of the Nurses Residence.



"A FINE BIRTHDAY THIS IS—THANKS TO YOU!"

NURSING GRADUATION

The Third graduation of the Cornell University-New York Hospital School of Nursing, and the 68th of the School, was held in the auditorium of the Nurses' Residence on Tuesday evening, September twenty-fifth. The graduating class wore the white organdie graduate cap of the school, white V necked long sleeved white uniform, and shoulder corsage of red rosebuds tied with silver ribbon, a gift of the Junior Class. Behind them sat the lower classmen in the traditional blue plaid and the newer blue and white check, then the faculty, families, and friends.

Rev. Hugh McCandless, of the Church of the Epiphany, pronounced the invocation, and later closed the exercises with the benediction. Miss Bessie A. R. Parker, Acting Dean of the School of Nursing, greeted the assemblage and welcomed the guests. She commended the Class of 1945 on the work they had done during a most trying and unusual period in our history. Miss Parker announced the class gift to the school, a mahogany file case containing several albums of victrola records.

The address of the evening was made by Dr. William F. Russell, Dean, Teachers College, Columbia University, who had worked with many of the graduates and students in his recent capacity of Volunteer Orderly at the Hospital. Dr. Russell called attention to the loss of the "individual approach" as a result of the machine age and the necessity for handling large masses of people, and stressed the importance of remembering and retaining, especially in nursing, the personal service which everywhere has so suffered in recent years.

Diplomas were presented to fifty-one graduates by Mr. Langdon P. Marvin, President, the Society of the New York Hospital, and the school pins by Miss Parker.

In his remarks preceding the conferring of the Degree of Bachelor of Science in Nursing, President Edmund E. Day reminded us that the war has brought problems and

changes and that one of our great tasks will be to "restore the dignity of work." Fifteen graduates received the degree and an additional ten will be eligible on completion of their course.

The Florence Nightingale Pledge was taken by the entire class, led by their president, Mrs. Elizabeth Patterson Rome.

A reception in the lounges and garden followed, with Miss Minnie H. Jordan, Miss Florence Johnson, Miss Frances Bell, and Mrs. Margaret Wyatt Egbert pouring. The Cornell red and white table decorations were most attractive and refreshments were delicious and well served.

We wish these girls happiness in their lives, health in their service, and success in their careers.

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ACCIDENT CONTEST

It was announced on September 27th that New York Hospital had won first place in the Hospital Group Class One in the Third Annual Inter-Plant Accident Reduction Contest for the 6 months period from March to August, inclusive. Class One consisted of organizations employing 1500 or more people, classified as to industry. A dinner will be held on Thursday evening, October 25th at the Hotel Pennsylvania at which time the award will be made to New York Hospital and to the other winners for their showing in this contest.

Congratulations are in order for every member of this institution who, through their efforts, direct and indirect, have been instrumental in achieving this fine victory. The record of the hospital in lost time accidents during the contest has improved considerably over that of the previous six months and year and the news that we have emerged the winner over our opponents attests to that fact. However, there is still room for improvement, and, to that end Administration and Safety Director urge that we all redouble our efforts along lines of accident prevention and that we become even more conscious of the slogan "Work

SUPPORT THE NATIONAL WAR FUND

Please make your contribution through the HOSPITAL COMMITTEE or its representative appointed by your department head.

Safely" so that we may not only become a permanent winner in all contests, but also achieve the ultimate in Safety Program—A Perfect Non-Lost Time Accident Year.

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THIS IS A SWITCH

The Faculty of the Cornell University-New York Hospital School of Nursing gave the graduating class of 1945 a surprise theatrical performance on Thursday evening, September 20th. The talents for the production were supplied by the Faculty itself. The skits, reminiscently portraying student life as it is enjoyed and endured, were climaxed by "The Original Floradora Sextet" with lyrics, music and dances composed and executed by the Executive Faculty. The response of the audience was a tribute to the grace, charm and wit of these ladies.

The Faculty is pleased to report that they believe they hit the jackpot several times, judging from the official laugh register. Perhaps this may be attributed to the fact that the pinching shoe was usually on the Faculty foot throughout a very enjoyable evening for all.